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A.—(a) & (c) The Government have not the statistics but have called for them.

(b) All arrack shops have been closed in Shiyali and Tiruturaipundi taluks of the Tanjore district and Tiruvadanai and Paramakudi taluks of the Ramnad district. All arrack shops were closed in Tenkasi taluk of the Tinnevelly district and the Auttur taluk (Salem), but have now been reopened as the experiment was a failure. All arrack and toddy shops were closed in parts of the taluks of Trichengodu and Namakkal and of the sub-taluk of Rasipur in the Salem district but have now been reopened as the experiment was a failure. In the Nilgiris district no liquor may be sold to any member of the hill tribes except on a medical certificate.

(d) & (e) The officers of the Excise Department are by the Excise Manual made responsible for the prevention of offences against the Excise laws.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to make a detailed statement to this House in which respects this experiment of closing the arrack shops in the Tenkasi taluk and of closing toddy shops in the Rasipuram taluk, has proved a failure? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The information is in the Administration Report; I have also given the information in detail before."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" May I know if the hon. Minister for Excise confesses that all measures intended to introduce prohibition as per the Legislative Council resolution have proved a failure? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Some of them."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to repeat what he says he has stated on a previous occasion? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It will take about half an hour; I cannot give the information off-hand."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—" It is not possible to understand what is meant by the statement that it has proved a failure, without some explanation."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" If the hon. Member will give a notice of a question I will answer it."

Toddy-drawers of the East and West Godavari districts.

* 25 Q.—Mr. G. Sriramulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are two sets of toddy-drawers called sweet toddy-drawers and fermented toddy-drawers in the East and West Godavari districts;

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(*b*) whether each sweet toddy-drawer is permitted to draw fermented toddy provided he pays tree-tax; if so, from how many trees each sweet toddy-drawer is permitted to tap fermented toddy; and

(*c*) how many toddy-drawers were licensed to tap sweet toddy in Peddapur, Cocanada, Rajahmundry, Amalapur and Razole taluks in the East Godavari district, and in the Ellore, Chintalapudi, Tadepalligudem, Bhimavaram, Tanuku, Narsapur and Kovvur taluks in the West Godavari district in each of the years 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 and how many of them in each of the said taluks have paid tree-tax to draw fermented toddy?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; each sweet toddy-tapper is allowed to tap three trees for the drawing of fermented toddy for his own bona fide domestic consumption but not for sale.

(*c*) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Mr. G. SRIRAMULU:—"Will the Government be pleased to place the report on the table of the House after it is received?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Yes; if the question is repeated by the hon. Member."

Sweet toddy-tapping in the West Godavari district.

* 26 *Q.*—Mr. G. SRIRAMULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many villages in the upland area of each of the taluks—Ellore, Kovvur and Tadepalligudem—in the West Godavari district there is sweet toddy-tapping in the year 1933;

(*b*) what the upland villages comprised within the jurisdiction of each of the Excise Sub-Inspectors of Ellore, Tadepalligudem, Nidadavole and Kovvur are in which there was sweet toddy-drawing in the year 1933;

(*c*) the number of licences granted to draw sweet toddy in each of the villages mentioned in clause (*b*) and also the number of sweet toddy-drawers who paid tree-tax to tap fermented toddy from concession trees in each of such villages in the year 1933;

(*d*) whether there were any petitions of bribe-taking filed against the Inspectors or Sub-Inspectors of Excise in the West Godavari district in the year 1933, and if so, how many and against whom were they filed;

(*e*) whether the petitions were filed by sweet toddy-drawers or toddy shop renters or by both; how many of each class have been filed; and

(*f*) what became of the petitions; whether they were enquired into; if so, how many were enquired into and what the result is of the enquiry?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.